

PRICE ONE CENT.

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1902.

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TOLD OF THREAT TO KILL BROOKS.

Mabel Cooper, a Brooklyn Belle, Swears Burns Girl Made Such a Statement to Her.

Mabel Cooper, a Brooklyn belle, made a sensation when she swept into the Criminal Court building this afternoon and inquired for Assistant District Attorney Schurman. She is an important witness against Florence Burns and she dictated her testimony to the Assistant District Attorney.

"Florence Burns told me that she would kill Walter Brooks," said Miss Cooper. "She stayed at my home one night last September and confessed that Brooks and another young man had wronged her. 'If everything does not turn out all right,' she said, 'I will kill them both.'"

George Young Kaufmann, the portrait artist, who declared Florence Burns visited his studio on the afternoon of the day she was alleged to have gone to the Glen Island Hotel with Walter Brooks, called on Assistant District Attorney Krotel this afternoon.

After he had gone Mr. Krotel said that the artist was convinced that the young woman who called upon him was not Florence Burns.

The woman who has been the best friend of Florence Burns in the Tombs—her only intimate, in fact—is May Bonner, who is accused of having contracted a bigamous marriage.

The Bonner woman is worldly wise and a reader of character. While awaiting trial this morning she said of Florence Burns:

"When I first saw her I thought she was in for some minor offense. I nearly fainted when she told me she was in for murder. She looks less like a murderer than any woman I have ever seen who was up for a killing.

"I don't think the girl is guilty. I wouldn't say so if I did, but my belief in her innocence is honest.

"No woman with the shadow of a murder on her could eat, sleep and generally conduct herself like that girl does. She is the most contented woman in the Tombs, apparently. She eats twice as much as anybody else, sleeps like a baby and never betrays excitement.

FRIEND OF BROOKS FOUND STABBED NEAR HIS HOME.

A new complication in the mysterious Brooks tragedy has arisen in the strange stabbing of Joseph C. Cobble, Jr., a bank clerk, of No. 605 Madison street, Brooklyn, once an intimate friend of the young man who is said to have been slain by Florence Burns.

Cobble was found on the sidewalk near his house with two stab wounds in his abdomen and gashes in his neck indicating that an attempt had been made to drive a knife to his heart.

Not a line of information concerning how young Cobble received his injuries has been given out—in fact a strong effort was made to hush up the case entirely. Cobble and Walter Brooks were chums up to a short time before the tragedy in the Glen Island Hotel.

They went around with the same girls and were companions in adventure. It is said that Cobble quarrelled with Brooks because of the character of some of the young men with whom Brooks associated.

Found Near His Home.

Young Cobble, who is twenty-two years old, was found in an unconscious condition at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning on the sidewalk before No. 618 Madison street.

Examination revealed two cuts three-quarters of an inch deep, in the region of the stomach and three gashes in his neck.

He was taken into the home of Mr. Charles E. Holt, at No. 618, Dr. George E. Reed, of No. 79 Halsey street, was summoned. He said that the wounds had been made some time before Cobble was found.

The young man was later taken to his home. Since then his father has allowed no word of his son's condition to be known, declaring that "what goes on in my house is my own."

Had Been at Theatre.

He has also refused to account for his son's whereabouts on the previous evening further than to say that he went to a theatre.

Owing to the social prominence of the Cobble family the case has created much excitement in this aristocratic portion of Brooklyn.

The accident theory advanced by the police is that young Cobble fell, then fell again, and at each descent was cut by a steel ink eraser which he carried.

But Mrs. Holt tried to insert this eraser into the cuts in the neck and found that it was too broad to go in.

Father Strangely Silent.

The police have as yet secured no clue to the mystery, which is heightened by the strange silence of the father.

He was formerly President of the Stuyvesant Heights Republican Club, Halsey street and Lewis avenue, and is in partnership with his brother in the Excelsior Wire Works.

Friends of the wounded young man say that he was formerly a member of the "Brooks gang," but that some time ago he dropped them because of the notoriety they had gained. He is employed in a bank.

M'GARRY WAS A WILD PLUNGER.

SEVERAL FIRMS DECLINED HIS BUSINESS.

Note, with Mother's Disputed Indorsement, Due To-Day, Is Unpaid.

It has been discovered that the late John J. McGarry, of Brooklyn, whose mother repudiates her alleged indorsement on notes given by him as security for borrowed money, was a plunger in stocks. He was asked to withdraw his account from the Brooklyn offices of at least two big Wall Street firms.

McGarry began speculating through the office of Moody, McEllen & Co. He scalped 1,000 and 2,000 share blocks of stock, sometimes dealing in as high as 5,000 shares on a deal. In the beginning he won about \$60,000, but grew so reckless, according to Louis Leroy, the Brooklyn manager of the firm, that he was asked to close his deals and speculate elsewhere.

He then plunged in the stock market through the Brooklyn office of Henry Clews & Co., and, it is said, dealt so recklessly that he was asked to withdraw his account. Another firm that carried his deals was Bell & Co., whose Brooklyn office is at No. 20 Montague street.

A note for \$20,000 held by the Nassau National Bank and bearing what purports to be the indorsement of Della McGarry, mother of James J. McGarry, fell due to-day. It was not paid, and Cashier Heggman of the bank said this afternoon that the situation was the same as when Mrs. McGarry first repudiated her signature.

LITTLE GIRL TAKEN FROM DOCTOR.

MYSTERY ABOUT CHILD AND TALK OF BEATINGS.

Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children Acts in the Case.

A little blue-eyed girl, scarcely ten years old was taken from the residence of Dr. John E. Harris, No. 38 West Ninety-fourth street, yesterday by Special Agent Fogarty, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Those in charge of the Children's Society say that the girl was taken from the home of Dr. Harris because of inhuman treatment. The doctor declares that this is not true.

"Who the child is and where she came from I refuse absolutely to say," Dr. Harris said to-day. "I am not sorry that they took her, neither do I care whether she returns.

"All that I care to say is that we took her in and in return for the food and clothes we gave her, expected her to do her full share of the housework."

At the office of the Children's Society it was said that information had been received that led to the removal of the child. It had been reported that she was demoted and because of her stupidity in performing her duties properly she was beaten more often than was necessary.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NORFOLK, Va., March 6.—The three-masted schooner John W. Hall, of Wilmington, Del., from Perth Amboy to Charleston, with coal, stranded on the Hatteras coast this morning and now lies broadside to the beach.

The crew of seven were taken off by life-savers. The vessel may be saved.

SAYS RICE DIED IN NATURAL WAY.

Dr. Curry, Millionaire's Physician, First Witness for Patrick.

NO SIGN OF CHLOROFORM.

Flat Contradiction of Jones at Very Start of Defendant's Case.

Dr. Curry, who attended William M. Rice in his last illness, was the first witness called in the defense of Albert T. Patrick. He said Rice had dropsy and that his death seemed to have been a natural one. There was no indication that chloroform had been given and no sign of a struggle.

This testimony was given after Recorder Goff had denied a motion to dismiss the defendant and Mr. House had made the opening speech to the jury. These points were made by Mr. House:

Jones is not worthy of belief. There was no conspiracy to murder William M. Rice. Rice was dead from natural causes at the time Jones says he administered the chloroform. Witnesses of the highest credibility will locate Patrick and Rice together on friendly terms.

One witness will swear that Rice signed the Swenson check for \$25,000 the Saturday before he died.

Checks were signed by Rice and given Jones to hand to Patrick in settlement of the Holt litigation. Rice said he intended to make a new will.

Rice expressed himself as favorable to cremation.

DR. CURRY TESTIFIES RICE HAD DROPSY.

Dr. Curry, who attended William M. Rice and gave the certificate of his death, was the first witness called by the defense.

He was so weak that he walked with difficulty, and had to be assisted into the witness stand.

Dr. Curry testified that he first saw Mr. Rice on March 20, 1900, in Mr. Rice's apartment.

He had been called to see Jones. He told of Jones's going to the hospital. After the latter came out of the hospital the doctor prescribed pills, one-fifth of a grain in each Jones took 100 of the pills and was ordered to get a second bottle of them.

The witness said that Mr. Rice asked him to attend him the day Jones went to the hospital.

His first full examination of Mr. Rice (Continued on Seventh Page.)

BISHOP POTTER GLAD FOR PRAYERS.

NEWARK W. C. T. U. FLATTERS THE PRELATE.

Very Grateful, Too, that They Made Special Invocation for Him.

Nearly all the women of Newark—this is, every member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union—have for the past two days been offering prayers for Bishop Henry C. Potter in hope that he may cease advocating open saloons on Sunday.

They have expressed grave fears for his redemption, and predict all sorts of things that will happen to him if he doesn't let up on the saloon question.

When Bishop Potter heard of the action taken by the Newark W. C. T. U. today he said that he was exceedingly grateful to the women for their prayers and was much flattered at their attention.

"Who knows what effect their prayers will have," he said. "They may mean a great deal."

Bishop Potter sent word to the women of Newark that he would think seriously of their request and thanked them for their prayers.

BOER PEACE RUMORS.

LONDON, March 6.—It was rumored on the Stock Exchange that the meeting in the Utrecht district of the Transvaal between Gen. De Wet, ex-President of the Boers, and Gen. Buller, indicates the approach of peace in South Africa.

VERY LATEST NEWS IN BRIEFEST FORM.

STOLE REDEMPTIONISTS' MAIL.

William J. Hanlon, a letter carrier attached to sub-station D at Third avenue and Eighth street, was arrested this afternoon by Post-Office Inspectors Jacobs and Meyer. The Redemptionist Fathers at No. 173 East Third street have been missing letters containing money for prayers for the souls of the dead.

When arraigned before United States Commissioner Shi Shields Hanlon confessed, saying that he got in debt so badly that he took the money to get even, and after that spent it in luxuries for his family.

BOYS HAD SPECIAL INVITATIONS.

Twenty-two pupils of Public School No. 89, Lenox avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, who are presidents of the different classes, received special invitations to visit the Hohenzollern. They visited the royal yacht this afternoon.

FEARED MISSING MAN IS LOST IN FLOOD.

PATERSON, N. J., March 6.—Joseph Christ, fifty-seven years old, of No. 53 North Third street, has been missing from his home since Friday night, and his relatives and friends think that perhaps he may have perished in the flood.

NO FURTHER NEWS OF ETRURIA.

At 6 o'clock to-night it was said at the offices of the Cunard line that no news had yet been received of the steamship Etruria, reported disabled in midocean. It was expected the ship would reach the Azores to-day in tow of the freighter William Cliff.

LEARY NOT TO BE EXECUTOR OF STOKES'S WILL.

James D. Leary, whose name was stricken out of his will as executor by the late Edward S. Stokes after their quarrel, will not be permitted to act as executor. Surrogate Thomas having sustained the objections raised by the family.

CRUSHED BY ELEVATOR.

Guilford Cranford, twenty-two, of No. 211 West Sixty-third street, an elevator man in the Hotel Wallington, was badly crushed by his elevator this afternoon. He was taken to Roosevelt Hospital.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Little Elkin 1, Linden Ella 2, Jena 3.

WANTS TO BE AMERICAN AGAIN.

Archibald C. Black, the minor son of Police Sergt. Black, of No. 142 Suydam street, Brooklyn, has applied to the United States Circuit Court for reinstatement as an American citizen. Young Black recently returned from South Africa, where he served six months with the English army. He says he is a natural born American citizen, but was compelled to fore-swear allegiance when he enlisted. He says he, with twelve other Americans, drifted to South Africa and had to join the army to escape starvation.

ASTOR'S CHAUFFEUR NOT HELD.

John Jacob Astor's automobile chauffeur, Murray O'Neill, of No. 52 West Twenty-sixth street, was discharged from custody this afternoon in Jefferson Market Court, where he was arraigned for assault.

O'Neill ran down James Peatley, of No. 67 Eighth avenue, with Mr. Astor's auto at Fifth avenue and Eighteenth street on Jan. 16. Peatley was hurt badly. To-day he refused to press a complaint. It is said one of the Astors was in the auto at the time of the accident.

UDLEY BUCK FOR PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

Henry Ward Beecher Howard, Chairman of the Music Committee of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, announced to-day that Dudley Buck, the famous composer and organist, would take control of the church music on May 1. He will be both choir-master and organist. He succeeds G. Warren Stebbins, who goes to Emmanuel Baptist Church.

WHO HAS SEEN LIZZIE WASSER?

Lizzie Wasser, nineteen years old, is believed to have met with foul play at the hands of an admirer. She was a domestic at No. 542 Eighth avenue. Last Thursday night she disappeared. The missing girl is short, stout, of light complexion and was dressed in black. Her parents live at No. 244 West Sixteenth street.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STEAK AND SANDWICH.

Justice Mayer, in the Court of Special Session, this afternoon, before discharging the case against a prisoner who had been charged with violating the excise law, said: "I want it stated from me that there is no definition in law which makes any difference between a sandwich and a steak."

MAYOR LOW HEDGING HIMSELF IN.

Another partition is to be put in the City Hall to separate the public from Mayor Low. It will cross the main corridor ten feet east of the present entrance. It will provide one more room and one more set of boys that visitors must pass before reaching the Mayor.

BROKER CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Charles D. Hughes, a member of the Consolidated Exchange, was arrested in Wall street to-day. He is wanted in Carnegie, Pa., on a charge of grand larceny.

ANDREE WAS SLAIN LEAVING BALLOON

True Story of How the Daring Swedish Explorer Was Murdered by the Esquimaux at Last Comes to Light.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WINNIPEG, Man., March 6.—Here, at last, is the true story of the end of Andree, the daring Swede who set out in a balloon to discover the North Pole.

It is told by Esquimaux who have heard the tale from actual participants in the tragedy, for it is settled beyond all doubt that Andree and his companions were murdered by savage Esquimaux in the frozen North.

A report similar to this was received from the Hudson Bay Trading Company post at Fort Churchill nearly two and a half years ago. Since that time searchers have been hunting for evidence of the truth of the story. Knives, tobacco pouches and cartridges supposed to have belonged to the Andree party have been found in the possession of one of the most northerly of Esquimaux tribes.

The story of the killing of Andree has been heard from this tribe and from others, but it has been impossible to learn what particular band did the killing. The Esquimaux appear to be afraid to tell all they know and the scene of the tragedy has been located only vaguely.

Alston Churchill, factor, who has charge of the Hudson Bay Post at Churchill, the most northerly post of the great company on the west coast of Hudson's Bay, sends information of Andree's death. For two years he has had skilled men making inquiries. Traces of the balloon were found that led the searchers for hundreds of miles, until at last they happened to encounter a Huskee who told them the tale of the death of Andree.

It appears that Andree and his men determined to alight and came to the ground near a large assemblage of savages who had been attracted by the sight of the great balloon floating through the air. As the balloon alighted, three white men carrying guns stepped out of it.

What Caused Murder.

One of the men incautiously fired his gun. It is not known whether he intended the shot as a hostile demonstration, but the Huskees so interpreted it. A battle ensued, and despite the fact that the Eskimo were armed only with bows and arrows, the white men succumbed.

Everything of value was taken from the bodies of the daring explorers, the stores in the car were carried away and the balloon was destroyed. It is thought that Andree may have left some record of his movements and discoveries, and Mr. Facon's men are to continue their search in the hope of getting documentary proof of the tragedy. The Swedish Government has been notified that Andree undoubtedly came to his death at the hands of the Esquimaux.

MAJESTIC HIT BY A GIGANTIC WAVE.

ONE PASSENGER AND SEVERAL OF THE CREW HURT.

Most Swept from Its Path—Woman's Head So Injured Operation Was Necessary.

The biggest wave the captain of the White Star liner Majestic ever saw struck the vessel in midocean Saturday night and gave the passengers and crew a scare they will never forget.

The wave came aboard on the starboard bow. The big liner listed to port 45 degrees.

For a full minute she hung there, rolled back, was struck by another wave and once more keeled over.

When finally she resumed an upright position it was found that several of the crew and Mrs. L. Irving Goodrich, a passenger, had been injured. Deck fittings had been torn away and a lifeboat and the iron davits which had secured it were missing forward on the starboard side.

There was a howling gale when the Majestic left Queenstown last Thursday. It grew in strength until Saturday morning, when the situation really became dangerous.

There were 122 passengers in the two saloons and 35 in the staterooms. Passengers were not allowed to use the shut, and not until late on Sunday did any one save members of the crew leave the interior of the vessel.

Mrs. Goodrich was buried against a table in the saloon when the wave struck the ship. Her head was cut and her arm severely crushed, but she was able to leave the ship to-day.

Her head injury was so severe that Dr. Stark, the ship's surgeon, performed an operation. He would give no information concerning it when the Majestic reached port, eighteen hours overdue.

MANY ENTOMBED IN BURNING MINE.

EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY AN UNSUCCESSFUL AUTHOR SOUGHT DEATH.

Miner, Terribly Burned Himself, Strove in Vain to Save Endangered Comrades.

MONONGAHELA, Pa., March 6.—An explosion occurred shortly before noon today in the Catsburg mine, and two men were seriously burned.

Five men are known to be in the mine and they are thought to be dead. Their names are: Robert Howey, married, mine boss of Catsburg; James Howey, his son, married; road man; Catsburg; John Gilder, mine boss married; Catsburg; Isaac Eastwood, fire boss, married; Sunnyside; William McFarland, boss driver, married; Catsburg.

There may be others.

A rescue party is trying to fight its way into the mine at this writing (2:30 o'clock).

John Hager, a machinist, went into the mine at noon or shortly before it, and placed his safety lamp in one of the room entrances. At least a score of men were with him and just as Hager put the lamp in the opening a terrific explosion occurred.

All the men were knocked down by the force of the explosion and many of them rendered insensible. Hager was stunned for a minute, but as soon as he regained consciousness he crawled over the prostrate forms of the men and succeeded in getting to the mouth. He was followed by James Turnan. Both men were horribly burned about the face and hands.

Despite the fact that Hager was suffering intense pain he crawled back into the mine and tried to rouse the workmen who were piled on the floor, but without success.

ARTICLE DECLINED, STABBED HIMSELF.

SHIP'S APPRENTICE GONE.

English Boy of Good Family Sought by Captain of Forteviot.

Because a German newspaper refused to accept an article from Max Haffel, of No. 24 East Eighty-sixth street, the disappointed author stabbed himself with a pair of shears.

He then turned on the editor, but was prevented from doing further damage. After Haffel was overpowered, he became unconscious. He was removed to the Hudson Street Hospital in a critical condition.

SHIP'S APPRENTICE GONE.

English Boy of Good Family Sought by Captain of Forteviot.

Henry Ferguson, a young apprentice on the British four-masted bark Forteviot, which has been loading case oil at Constantine Hook, is missing and the police have been asked to look for him. Before coming to Constantine Hook the bark was overhauled at Shooter Island, and Capt. Kidd, the master of the vessel, is inclined to believe that Ferguson, who is seventeen years old, was anxious to see the sights of the metropolis.

Ferguson, the captain says, belongs to a well-to-do family in Harrow, Lancashire, England, where his father is manager of the gas works. He was one of seven apprentices aboard the Forteviot.

STARVED IN THIS CITY OF RICHES.

UNKNOWN AND FAMISHED MAN DROPS DEAD.

Rang Bell and Asked Servant for Food and Then Expired.

A man dropped dead from starvation in the streets of New York to-day.

A shabby man of apparent respectability rang the basement bell of No. 36 West Tenth street and asked the servant for something to eat.

"I'm starving," he said, "give me something."

His appearance vouched for the truth of his assertion and the servant went to the ladder to provide for him. As she came back to the door with a plate well filled he tottered, clutched at the iron grating and fell.

He was too weak to rise or even reach for the food. In a moment he was unconscious.

He was hurried to St. Vincent's Hospital, but died on the way. House Surgeon Kennedy of St. Vincent's said: "It was a case of starvation. The man's eyes were sunk deep in his head, his cheeks were hollow and his face was deathly pale."

The body was removed to the Bellevue Hospital Morgue. It was that of a man apparently forty-five years old, five feet six inches in height and 115 pounds in weight.

BULK OF FORTUNE GOES TO COLLEGES.

YALE AND COLUMBIA TO GET SHARE OF CURRIER MONEY.

Fund Reverts to These and Others After Death of Widow's Relative.

The will of Mrs. Laura Currier, who died Jan. 21, was filed this afternoon. It disposes of an estate which Clarence S. Day, of No. 429 Madison avenue, the executor, estimates at about \$300,000.

After making bequests aggregating \$25,000 to various relatives, the testatrix, who made her will in 1896, and added a codicil on Jan. 17, 1902, leaves the residue of the estate to Edward West Currier, a stepson for life. At his death it is to go to various religious, educational and charitable purposes. Among them are:

To the President and fellows of Yale University, \$10,000; trustees of Columbia University, \$10,000; Presbyterian Hospital, \$10,000; New York Society for the Ruptured and Crippled, \$10,000; Home for Old Men and Aged Couples, at No. 427 Hudson street, \$10,000; Mothers' Home for Children, \$10,000; Home for the Friendless, \$10,000; New York Post-Graduate Hospital, \$10,000; Gerry Society, \$10,000; Bergh Society, \$10,000; Madison Square Church Mission, \$10,000; and library at Newfane, Vt., \$500.

A bequest of \$50,000 to the New York Free Circulating Library was revoked. In the codicil.

Mrs. Currier was the widow of Nathaniel Currier, and died at No. 28 West Twenty-seventh street.

TO-NIGHT'S EVENTS.

Baptist Social Union meeting, Delmonico's.

Dinner of Irish Revolutionary Brotherhood, Sturtevant House.

Review of Seventy-first Regiment, Twelfth Regiment Armory.

Concert by the band of the Hohenzollern, Carnegie Hall.

Lecture, Museum of Natural History.

People's Institute, lecture, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Lexington avenue.

Kommers of the Aschenbrotel Verein, Hohenzollern Hotel.

Band the guests, No. 144 East Eighty-sixth street.

New York Sunday-school Association, Broadway and Seventy-sixth street.

Geneva Society hall, Lexington Opera House.

Gotham Social Club hall, Lexington Assembly Rooms.

Annual dinner, North Side Board of Trade, Metropolitan Theatre Hall.